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SUBJ: ANTARCTIC TREATY: ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL A PASSED TO M.J. MCKEOWN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL LEGAL BRANCH, DFA.
2. WHEN SLO FIRST DISCUSSED MATTER OF CONSULTATIONS WITH MCKEOWN, HE SAID THAT DFA WOULD GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO POSSIBILITY OF EITHER HAVING AMBASSADOR BRENNAN STOP OFF IN WASHINGTON ON WAY TO BUENOS AIRES, OR TO HAVING MCKEOWN HIMSELF LEAVE EARLY FOR BUENOS AIRES AND TRAVEL VIA WASHINGTON. HE SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD SLO THAT TIME CONSTRAINTS PRECLUDED EITHER OF THE FOREGOING POSSIBILITIES AND THAT DFA WOULD HAVE TO FALL BACK ON LESS THAN FULLY SATISFACTORY EXPEDIENT OF BRIEFING AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT.

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3. MCKOWN DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT AMBASSADOR BRENNAN WILL BE ARRIVING IN BUENOS AIRES ON THURSDAY PRECEDING MEETING AND THAT HE AND REST OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION WILL BE ARRIVING ON FRIDAY PRECEDING MEETING. HE SAID THAT IT SEEMED TO HIM ENTIRELY FEASIBLE AND POSSIBLE FOR TWO DELEGATINS TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS OVER WEEKEND

PRECEDING MEETING. AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION WILL BE STAYING
AT HOTEL LIBERTADOR, SIGHT OF MEETING, AS WILL USDEL
(BUENOS AIRES4598).

4. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 3 REFTTEL A AND PARA 4 REFTTEL B,
EMBASSY DID NOT WISH GIVE IMPRESSION THAT GOA EXPECTING
TO PUSH FOR LARGE SHIFTS AND CHANGES IN DRAFT CONVENTION
AS IT EVOLVED IN CANBERRA. WE MEANT RATHER TO GIVE
IMPRESSION THAT TIMMINS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY KCKEOWN, WERE
OPTIMISTIC AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS IN CAPITALS THAT
STICKY POINTS IN CANBERRA DRAFT COULD BE RESOLVED AT
BUENOS AIRES.
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